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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
OAKLAND DIVISION**

ROBIN BERMAN, et al.,  
Plaintiffs,

v.

MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY  
INCORPORATED, et al.,  
Defendants.

Case No. 4:17-CV-01864-HSG

PETER SCHUMAN, et al.,  
Plaintiffs,

v.

MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY  
INCORPORATED, et al.,  
Defendants.

Case No. 4:16-CV-05544-HSG

**STIPULATED REQUEST AND ORDER RE:  
SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTIONS AND  
CASE SCHEDULES**

Judge: Hon. Haywood S. Gilliam, Jr.

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1 WHEREAS, the parties filed a joint status conference statement on April 9, 2021 in these  
2 related cases, *Berman et al v. Microchip Technology Inc.*, No. 4:17-cv-01864-HSG (*Berman*), and  
3 *Schuman et al v. Microchip Technology, Inc.*, No. 4:16-cv-05544-HSG (*Schuman*), which addressed  
4 how to move these cases forward efficiently following the Ninth Circuit's memorandum disposition  
5 in *Berman* (*Berman* Dkt. 137; *Schuman* Dkt. 154);

6 WHEREAS, the Court on April 14, 2021 terminated the parties' then pending cross-motions  
7 for summary judgment in *Schuman* (*Schuman* Dkt. 156), pursuant to agreement of the parties;

8 WHEREAS, the Amended Scheduling Order in *Berman* and *Schuman* set a dispositive motion  
9 hearing deadline of January 13, 2022 (*Berman* Dkt. 140; *Schuman* Dkt. 157);

10 WHEREAS, the parties filed and briefed cross-motions for partial summary judgment in  
11 *Berman* in the fall of 2021, which the Court took under submission on October 6, 2021 (Dkts. 145,  
12 163, 165, 166, 168);

13 WHEREAS, Defendants contend that they interpreted the Court's standing order on successive  
14 summary judgment motions as applying only to motions addressing the same claim, and that before  
15 the Ninth Circuit appeal and remand, Plaintiffs had previously filed, and the Court entertained, two  
16 motions for partial summary judgment in *Berman* addressing different claims.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, on  
17 December 9, 2021, 35 days before the dispositive motion hearing deadline per Civil Local Rule 7-  
18 2(a), Defendants in *Berman* filed a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on Plaintiffs' First Cause  
19 of Action – For Equitable Relief (Dkt. 171), as to which Defendants contend they had not previously  
20 moved for summary judgment, and Defendants in *Schuman* filed a Motion for Summary Judgment  
21 (Dkt. 163), noticing both motions for hearing on January 13, 2022;

22 WHEREAS, on December 10, 2021, Plaintiffs in *Berman* filed an Administrative Motion to  
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24 <sup>1</sup> Plaintiffs continue to maintain that their pre-appeal motions in *Berman* did not address different  
25 claims and were filed with prior notice to the Court. Plaintiffs first moved for partial summary  
26 judgment in *Berman* on both claims for relief, and the Court granted judgment on Plaintiffs' denial of  
27 benefits claim and granted judgment as to liability on their breach of fiduciary duty claim. Then, after  
28 Plaintiffs' counsel discussed with Defendants' counsel how to resolve the remaining remedy issues  
and informed the Court of their intention, Plaintiffs filed a subsequent motion for summary judgment  
seeking interest and surcharge as a remedy for the breach of fiduciary duty claim.

1 Strike Defendants' Second Motion for Partial Summary Judgment or in the Alternative to Stay  
2 Briefing before Defendants had responded to Plaintiffs' meet and confer voicemails and email sent  
3 earlier that afternoon<sup>2</sup> (Dkt. 172);

4 WHEREAS, the parties conferred the following Monday after an exchange of emails over the  
5 weekend, and reached an agreement in principle to file a Stipulated Request and Proposed Order  
6 regarding Summary Judgment Motions and Case Schedules, under which Plaintiffs would withdraw  
7 their "Motion for Administrative Relief" and the parties would request the Court stay further briefing  
8 and hearing on Defendants' December 9, 2021 motions in both cases and would request a modification  
9 of the Scheduling Order to vacate the currently pending dates in both cases, and then, after the Court  
10 resolved the parties' submitted cross-motions for partial summary judgment in *Berman*, the parties  
11 would meet and confer to propose a schedule for filing and briefing dispositive motions as to any  
12 remaining issues in *Berman* and *Schuman*;

13 WHEREAS, on December 13, 2021, while the parties were exchanging drafts of the Stipulated  
14 Request and Proposed Order regarding Summary Judgment Motions and Case Schedules in both cases,  
15 the Court in *Berman* granted Plaintiffs' Administrative Motion to Strike Defendants' Second Motion  
16 for Partial Summary Judgment or in the Alternative to Stay Briefing (Dkt. 173);

17 WHEREAS, the parties have been in discussions regarding possible mediation, which are still  
18 ongoing;

19 WHEREAS, the parties have met and conferred regarding the pending summary judgment  
20 motions and case schedules in these two related cases and have agreed that the most efficient way to  
21 proceed, subject to the Court's approval, is: (1) for the Court to vacate the deadlines set forth in the  
22 Amended Scheduling Order in these cases (*Berman* Dkt. 140; *Schuman* Dkt. 157) and to stay further  
23 briefing or proceedings on Defendants' December 9, 2021 summary judgment motion in *Schuman*  
24 until after it decides the parties' pending cross-motions for summary judgment in *Berman* (Dkts. 145,  
25 163, 165, 166); and (2) for the parties to meet and confer promptly after the Court rules on the cross-

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27 <sup>2</sup> Defendants contend they did not have the opportunity to meet and confer prior to the filing as  
28 they were in the process of researching and drafting a written response to the unexpected two  
voicemails (left 2.5 hours before the filing) and one email (sent 2 hours before the filing), which they  
still sent shortly after the filing.

1 motions in *Berman*, and to propose to the Court a new briefing schedule: (a) in *Berman*, to the extent  
2 any issues remain to be decided that can be resolved by further motions for summary judgment, which  
3 the parties have agreed not to oppose as improperly successive; and (b) in *Schuman*, with the parties  
4 either filing new cross-motions for summary judgment or, if Defendants choose to stand on their  
5 December 9, 2021 motion (Dkt. 163), for the filing of plaintiffs' opposition and cross-motion and the  
6 parties' subsequent reply and opposition briefs.

7       THEREFORE, the parties stipulate and request the Court to order as follows, based on the  
8 good cause described above:

- 9       1. Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment in *Schuman* (Dkt. 163) is taken off  
10       calendar. All further summary judgment motions and briefing in *Berman* and *Schuman*  
11       are stayed until after the Court resolves the cross-motions in *Berman* that are currently  
12       under submission (Dkts. 145, 163, 165, 166);
- 13       2. All deadlines in the Amended Scheduling Order in *Berman* and *Schuman* (*Berman* Dkt.  
14       140; *Schuman* Dkt. 157) are vacated; and
- 15       3. Within 14 days after the Court resolves the currently pending cross-motions for  
16       summary judgment in *Berman*, the parties shall meet and confer and propose a case  
17       schedule for such further proceedings, including a schedule for briefing dispositive  
18       motions in both cases based on any issues that may remain in both cases after the  
19       Court's decision on the pending cross-motions for summary judgment in *Berman*.

1 Dated: December 16, 2021

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**ORDER**

Pursuant to the parties' stipulation, it is **SO ORDERED**.

1. Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment in *Schuman* (Dkt. 163) is taken off calendar. All further summary judgment motions and briefing in *Berman* and *Schuman* are stayed until further order of this Court.
2. All deadlines in the Amended Scheduling Order in both *Berman* and *Schuman* (*Berman* Dkt. 140; *Schuman* Dkt. 157) are vacated.
3. Within 14 days after the Court resolves the currently pending cross-motions for summary judgment in *Berman* (Dkts. 145, 163, 165, 166), the parties will meet and confer and propose a case schedule for further proceedings in both cases, including dispositive motions on any issues that may remain in both cases.

Dated: 12/17/2021

  
THE HONORABLE HAYWOOD S. GILLIAM, JR.  
United States District Court Judge  
Northern District of California

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